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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b),  
is a Continuation application of PCT International Application  
No. PCT/JP99/02612 filed on May 19, 1999.

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For: COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND COMMUNICATION METHOD

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of Eighty-two (82) pages
- ☒ Twenty-five (25) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☒ Executed Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Photocopy
- ☐ A statement (☐ Original ☐ Photocopy) to establish small  
entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment

☒ Priority of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/02612 filed on May 19, 2000 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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--This application is a Continuation of PCT International Application No. filed on , which designated the United States, and on which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

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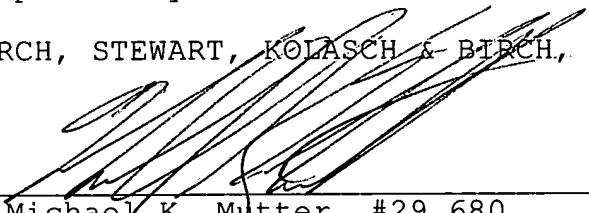
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